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Ms. Julie Veach  
Competition Policy Division  
Wireline Competition Bureau  
Federal Communications Commission  
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Ex Parte**  
WC Docket 02-156, Petition of SBC Communications, Inc. for  
Forbearance from Section 272 of the Federal Communications Act of 1996

Dear Ms. Veach:

On September 16, 2002, representatives of SBC met with you, Ann Stevens, and Greg Cooke of the Wireline Competition Bureau to discuss the above referenced petition which requests forbearance from Section 272 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 in connection with Nevada Bell's provision of nonlocal directory assistance. During this meeting, you asked SBC to provide additional information related to issues raised in comments by other parties in this proceeding. This letter responds to the questions you raised.

First, SBC clarifies the genesis of the California Directory Assistance Listings proceeding referenced in comments in this proceeding by AT&T and MCI. In early 2001, Metro One, InfoNXX, and MCI WorldCom petitioned to modify the California Public Utility Commission's (CPUC) Decision No. 98-01-022 in which these parties requested that both Verizon's and Pacific Bell's interim rates for Directory Assistance Listing Information Service (DALIS) be set at cost and subject to true-up back to 1996. The CPUC Decision No. 02-02-025 ordered Pacific Bell and Verizon to submit revised cost studies for each company's DALIS offerings. A decision in this docket No. 02-02-025 is still pending.

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Finally, you inquired as to the existing rates Pacific Bell (PB) charges for **DA** listings to unaffiliated third parties relative to what PB imputes to itself. In the PB region, pursuant to its current state DALIS tariff, PB charges \$.02 per initial listing and \$.02 per updated listing for its DA listings provided to unaffiliated third parties. PB imputes to itself the same rates it offers to unaffiliated third parties, as required by the Commission. SBC continues to urge the Commission to rule on our pending petition on **an** expedited basis. If you have any questions about the filing, please give me a **call**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Toni R. Acton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Toni" being more prominent.

Toni R. Acton  
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cc: **A. Stevens**  
G. Cooke